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situation. They may not, however, confiscate weapons. If bandit-suppression activities cause a punitive loss or damage, the provincial headquarters of the Peace-Preservation Corps may investigate and request the Ministry of National Defense to replace or compensate for such weapons. The investigation and registration, according to types, of such weapons and ammunition, and those captured or destroyed in war service, should be reported to the Ministry of National Defense for consideration. Empty shells are to be turned in for examination and then melted. When the People's Self-Defense Corps join with the National Army in waging war in urgent situations and there has been no request for distribution of ammunition, and if conditions require reinforcement of supplies, the Corps may get an immediate issue from the commander of the government forces and repay it later. The amount of compensation may not exceed the basic issue of 50 shells for each rifle.

#### Article 16

When the National Forces have captured usable weapons, a general officer (above the rank of redesignated division commander) may directly distribute such weapons, over and above those retained by the regular forces, to hsien and municipal authorities at a designated price in order to strengthen the local Peace-Preservation Corps. Captured weapons already turned in to the department of supplies should be distributed at a price set by an office of higher rank than the Pacification Commissioner's office. Furthermore, there should be a printed record made of the payment made by municipal and hsien authorities for rifles for a report to the headquarters of the United Service Forces Command. Weapons to be distributed under this instruction are limited to rifles, pistols, light and heavy machine guns, and hand grenades.

#### Article 20

In hsien and municipalities recently restored to Government rule, or in those harassed by bandit activities, where it is utterly impossible to provide for the expenses of the People's Self-Defense Corps, a carefully compiled estimate shall be prepared by the governments of the said hsien and municipalities. An advance may then be made from demobilization aid funds appropriated by the Central Government. Should no demobilization aid funds be available, funds should be drawn temporarily from the emergency fund provided to provincial authorities by the Central Government, and a request made later for reimbursement by the Central Government. Meanwhile, a request may be made through the provincial government for a regular appropriation from the Central Government.

#### Article 22

Cases in which officers and men of the Self-Defense Corps die in anti-bandit operations shall be governed in accordance with the "Pension Law Regarding Citizens Killed in Defense of Their Homeland" and related laws and regulations. Such compensation may be paid by the hsien and municipal governments in accordance with the temporary adjustment policy of the pacification areas. Should the amount be unusually large, the provincial government should be petitioned to provide for it from its budget.

#### Article 26

Medical needs of the People's Self-Defense Corps shall be provided jointly by hsien, municipal, village, town, and precinct health organizations. Self-Defense Corps members in service with regular forces shall be admitted for treatment to the field and base military hospitals belonging to the unit with

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which they are serving. However, each must carry a certificate of injury provided by the commander of the regular army unit with which he is serving or the haïen magistrate of his area in order to be admitted to hospitalization. The patient will be loaned hospital clothes by the hospital authorities; these clothes are to be returned upon discharge. His food shall be supplied by his Defense Corps organization.

Article 28 [A new article, not in the original version]

Magistrates of haïens or municipalities that have fallen into the hands of bandits should organize and train Self-Defense Corps units among the able-bodied refugees of their territory according to Articles 3 and 4 of these regulations, and equip them with arms supplied by the provincial Peace-Preservation Corps or a National Army commander, so that they may be prepared to accompany the regular army troops back to their own territory.

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